



The Lindisfarne

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The Newsletter of The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal). Serving Vashon Island, Washington since 1912.

Holy Week Schedule

April 5th, Palm Sunday: 7:45 am & 10:15 am, Liturgy of the Palms,

— Visitation of Bishop Greg Rickel at both services; *potluck brunch after late service*

April 6th, Monday in Holy Week: 7:30 pm, Service of Reconciliation

April 7th, Tuesday in Holy Week: 7:30 pm, Evening Prayer

April 8th, Wednesday in Holy Week: 7:30 pm, Evening Prayer

April 9th, Maundy Thursday: 7:30 pm, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

April 10th, Good Friday: 7:30 pm, Good Friday Liturgy

April 11th, Holy Saturday: 8 pm, the Great Vigil of Easter

April 12th, Easter Sunday: 7:45 am & 10:15 am Eucharist of the Resurrection

1st Quarter Finances

April 19: Finance Committee Meeting

April 22: Vestry Workshop Meeting, Topic: Finance 101

April 26: 9 am All Parish Financial Update Meeting

As we near the end of the 1st Quarter in what is a difficult year financially, we are working together to explore the best way to manage our finances. Please plan on attending the All Parish Financial Update Meeting to find out where we stand with the 2009 budget.

Attention: Acolytes, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Check your Holy Week Schedules! Are you scheduled for the Great Vigil on the 11th? Plan to be at the rehearsal that morning, 11 am, so that we are prepared for this amazing service. You will receive postcards to remind you.

Is This Your Calling?

In the past several months, our church has been called on to minister to many families in the form of funerals/memorial services. Most of the people involved were outside the parish. Often, receptions in Bennett Hall were part of the family plans. We were able to pinch-hit for them, but we can't count on random availability of congregants to step in and help. It would be wonderful if we were able to offer reception service for funerals, weddings, etc. People are ready and willing to pay for it, to help ease the burden of tasks at these times in their lives. If you have any leanings toward this concept, please speak with Kate Wesch

How to get in touch with us

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 7:30-11:30 Wed, 12:30-3:30
Tel: (206) 567-4488.

You may leave a message at any time. Messages from the different boxes are recovered throughout the week.

Priest-in-Charge, Kate Wesch's email: Kate_Wesch@yahoo.com; Deacon Sally Carlson's email: deacon@holyspiritvashon.org
office e-mail: office@holyspiritvashon.org; Website: <http://www.holyspiritvashon.org> Fax: (206)338-2369

In an emergency call the Rev Kate Wesch, (206) 931-2179

Kate's Column

Did you know the Book of Common Prayer instructs clergy to educate and encourage parishioners to make final arrangements including a Health Care Directive, Power of Attorney, and a Will, including bequests and gifts? *"The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses."* (Page 445 of the Book of Common Prayer)

It may seem morbid to bring up issues of mortality just before Easter, but it is particularly appropriate at Eastertide because when we die, it is an Easter celebration. On page 507 of the Book of Common Prayer, we are reminded that "the liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised."

It goes on to specify, "The Liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn."

This Eastertide, I invite you to think about your final wishes and discuss them with your loved ones. We also keep records of these wishes in the safe in the church office. Some people like to select hymns or readings to be used at their funeral and we keep files for that information. The Office of Planned Giving at the diocese provides an excellent resource to assist in making these arrangements and can be downloaded from their website: <http://www.ecww.org/giving/givingresources>.

You may also contact the church office with any questions you may have. By way of closing, I offer this prayer:

A BLESSING FOR YOU

Life is short and precious
and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts
of those who travel the way with us;
so be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind;
and may the blessing of the One
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us,
be upon you, and those you love dearly,
this day and always. Amen

Liturgy and Worship

Thank you all so much for your cooperation, comments, and suggestions as we have experimented with new bulletin formats throughout Lent. The new bulletins have been generally well received and we will continue with this format for the time being. The Worship Committee meets again following Easter and we welcome your thoughts regarding the bulletin format for our discussion. Please direct your comments to Kate Wesch and they will be shared with the Worship Committee.

Also, some of you have asked questions about other changes in our liturgical life together. It was decided in the fall that we would make liturgical decisions seasonally instead of varying week to week. For example, the same Eucharistic prayer and service music is to be used throughout a church season so as to allow the congregation to become familiar with it before moving on to something different.

If you have other questions about our liturgy, please ask!

-Kate Wesch

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team began at Church of the Holy Spirit in 2002 with training by and the guidance of Trudy James, of Multifaith Works in Seattle, who has provided pastoral care for many years. We receive on-going training through reading, discussion, workshops, classes and retreats. We work closely with our Priest-In-Charge, Rev Kate Wesch, and our Deacon, Sally Carlson.

ALL PASTORAL CARE CONTACTS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Our mission is to serve the people of our church and community through home and hospital visits, prayers, cards, e-mails, telephone calls, and in other practical ways. Each member of the team is licensed by the Diocese as a Eucharistic Visitor who can bring the Eucharist to you and celebrate it with you.

While each member is "on call" during two week rotations throughout the year, you may contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team at any time.

Our current members are:

Betty Hawkins, 463-5062; Megan, 909-6079;
Hunter Davis, 567-4530;
Susie Kirschner, 567-4086;
Peggy Queary, 463-1977; Bob Weir, 463-3234

ON CALL:

Susie Kirschner, 567-4086	Mar 22-April 4
Megan, 909-6079	April 5-April 18
Peggy Queary, 463-1977	April 19-May 2
Bob Weir, 463-3234	May 3-May 16



Prayer Book Markers

We are well into our trial of less printed in the bulletins and greater use of the Prayer Book for Sunday services.

Someone came up with the great idea of making ribbon markers that can be used to flag different parts of the service. To do this, we need two things:

- 1) 1/4" satin ribbon of any color (we will need a total of about 300+ feet)
- 2) people willing to assemble the markers

We have an example from the choir, a time-tested way to make the markers.

Now all we need is YOU!

Call the office or speak to Kate Wesch if you are willing to help.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is starting a new session on April 14th. The topic will be the Gospel of Mark.

The meetings are on Tuesdays, 9:30 am in Bennett Hall.

All women are welcome, regardless of church affiliation. Come. Bring a friend. This is not only a study group, but is a fellowship circle, as well.

Upcoming Religious Exploration Topics

April 5 :Bishop's visitation - no RE
 April 12: Easter - no RE
 April 19: Ethics of Lawsuits
 among Christians, Scott Shawver
 April 26: Parish Meeting for Financial Update

Interfaith Council on Homelessness

The Interfaith Council on Homelessness meets once a month. Their meeting notes are posted on the nar thex bulletin board, so you can stay connected with the goings-on of this vital Island ministry.

Their funds, which go to help not only those without homes but those who have temporary issues meeting the various costs of a home, are, in their own words, "going down every week". Some fund raising issues are a Fishing Derby, a photo class with Ray Pfortner, and a Chicken House Tour.

Take a moment each month to read over their deliberations. CHS does not currently have a representative on the Council; the office can put you in contact with the right people if you are interested.



Praying the Stations of the Cross on the Labyrinth

For centuries, Christians have followed the path of Christ's suffering and death by praying the Stations of the Cross. During Lent, you will be able symbolically to follow his path to Calvary by walking the Labyrinth as you reflect on the events of the Passion. Each of the fourteen Stations will be marked with a numbered flag. There are sheets in the narthex providing a scriptural passage and prayer corresponding to each number. Every sheet also includes a printed labyrinth; if you prefer, you can follow the paper path with your finger, pausing at the stations to read and pray.

Dear Church of the Holy Spirit members and staff;

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve as music director. I learned a great deal and enjoyed my time much. At this time I feel the need to resign the position.

It with a great deal of consideration that I make this choice. The largest consideration being my children. Juliana has always been welcomed at Holy Spirit and I thank you for that; however, I feel that it is unfair of me to drag her out of bed so early on Sunday. We have been leaving the house by 6, she gets breakfast in the car on the ferry and dressed after the first hymn. She has always had a good spirit about all of this but I don't think it is the best dad visit she could have. Furthermore, this year I will be given my son as well on the weekends. The Sunday would just be too long with two kids. My visitation time is short and as much as I have tried to tailor a schedule outside of the weekend, it is inevitable that the regular weekend visitation schedule is best due to school schedules and reality. This being considered I have taken a much smaller position with just one service at a nearby church, Kent First Presbyterian. This way Juli can have a regular church experience.

I use Facebook.com to keep in touch and I always post pictures and videos of myself and the kids. Maybe I'll see some of you there. I wish you all the best and thank you for all your generous hospitality.

Sincerely,
Justin Cormier

VUMC Invites Women to Tea

The Vashon United Methodist Church invites all women to tea on Saturday, April 25th, 1 pm. Following tea, popular storyteller Debbie Dimitre will entertain with tales of Indian Princesses Sacagawea, Angelina, and Pocahontas. Reservations are a must; call Claire Hallowell by April 18, 567-4629.

Sunday Lessons for the Month of April & beginning of May

April 5, Palm Sunday: Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11; Mark 14:1-15:47; Mark 15:1-39

April 6, Monday of Holy Week: Psalm 36:5-11; Isaiah 42:1-9; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

April 7, Tuesday of Holy Week: Psalm 71:1-14; Isaiah 49:1-7; I Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

April 8, Wednesday of Holy Week: Psalm 70; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

April 9, Maundy Thursday: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Exodus 12:1-14; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-7+31b-35

April 10, Good Friday: Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

April 11, Holy Saturday: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:10-15:1; Isaiah 55:1-11; Ezekiel 36:24-28

April 12, Easter Day: Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

April 19: Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 26: Psalm 4; Acts 3:12-19; I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

May 3: Psalm 23; Acts 4:5-12; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

May 10: Psalm 22:25-31; Acts 8:26-40; I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Ministry Resource Day is May 9th. From 7:30—4 we are invited to explore "Being Church in Anxious Times". Many workshops will be offered, and the cost for the day is only \$25, which includes lunch. Watch upcoming announcements. Check it out on line www.ecww.org



Evening Prayer

Every Sunday evening, we have a quiet, simple service of Evening Prayer. It is led on a rotating basis by the licensed Worship Leaders in our congregation.

Come at 6 pm; offer your prayers of thanks for a week past and another ahead. Remember those who need the light of God to shine especially in their lives. Reflect on scripture, slow the pace for about half an hour, but most of all, be together in sacred space.

Parishioners Exhibit Work at the Blue Heron Gallery

An April exhibit of textile and fiber arts will be seen at the Blue Heron Gallery at Center. Peggy Queary, Molly Green and Carolyn Price Dyer are exhibitors. There is weaving, quilting, dyeing, knitting, and more.

The Opening reception is Friday, April 3rd from 6-9 pm. Hours at the gallery are:

Tuesday-Friday: 10-5

Saturday: 12-5

There is no fee. You can see beautiful artwork free.

The exhibit continues through April 23.

Information: 463-5131.



Men's Choir for Easter!

Once again, we have the privilege of hearing our own Church of the Holy Spirit Men's Choir. They will be performing a Resurrection piece on Easter. Their voices are such a blessing.

If any participants need copies of the music, contact the church office. There are extra copies there.

Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor

Wally Fletcher has kindly arranged for half-price tickets to a Seattle Choral Company performance. The SCC Orchestra will accompany Mozart's Great Mass in C minor of Saturday, April 25th, 2 pm in Benaroya Hall.

Call Wally, 567-0068, for your reserved orchestra seats at only \$12.50 each.

Camp Huston for a Wonderful Summer Experience

The Diocese of Olympia is blessed to have Camp Huston in Gold Bar, a little town just past Starbuck, in the Cascades. There are summer programs to fit every child's wish: horse camp, archery, skate camp, adventure camp (river rafting and rock climbing), and even special, shorter sessions for first-time campers.

"Where Kids Belong" is the motto of the camp, and the staff is committed to offering each camper community, adventure, challenge, worship, friendship and fun.

Take a look at the brochures in the narthex. Huston wants so much for kids to feel at home that they will even schedule a camp tour prior to your child's summer session.

Camperships are available to help defray costs; speak to our priest, Kate Wesch.

Vestry Report for March 2009

Your Vestry has been busy with three Vestry meetings in the month of March, 3/4, 3/11, and 3/18, as well as several conversations and consultations via email and phone calls.

In addition to the regular administrative matters of the parish, the Vestry has been working with the Discernment/Call Committee, the Bishop's office, and in deliberations among the members of the Vestry regarding the transitional process of calling a permanent priest.

At its regular meeting on March 11, the Discernment/Call Committee, chaired by Mark Yelken, met with the Vestry to give a report of their work to date, including a report of the Committee's discernment process with The Rev. Kate Wesch, presently our Priest-in-Charge. The Committee concluded its report by making its formal recommendation, which the Vestry received. The Vestry thanked the Committee Chair and its members for their many hours of work.

The Vestry is now considering the recommendation and is in consultation with the Bishop's office regarding the next steps of the discernment and call process, which is expected to be concluded no later than the end of April.

In other business, the Vestry formally elected Amelia Powers to be Clerk of the Vestry; it was voted to omit the three words "on Vashon Island" from the Parish's Mission Statement; at Rev. Wesch's request a schedule of fees for use of the Church for weddings and funerals was adopted; and the 2007 financial audit was received.

The Vestry re-scheduled its regular April meeting to be held now on April 1 in order to consider preparations for the Bishop's visit on Palm Sunday, April 5.

Please contact your Vestry members if you have questions or concerns.

- Bill Carr for the CHS Vestry

News of the Week Tries to Get Organized

The News of the Week, our weekly email to the parish, has grown to a place where the secretary is having serious trouble collating all the various requests for inclusion from the several places they come. (This is a good time to apologize to all of you who have carefully prepared submissions, which have subsequently been omitted from the NOW. The secretary is very sorry.) To help organize things, there is now a clipboard hanging next to the desk in the office where all requests will be noted, including those that come in email. Feel free to attach a note about something you want in the NOW, and the secretary will make every effort to do better in the future.

We Are Blessed; We Give Thanks

Have you been watching the daffodils pop up around the church? Some of them are old, established beds of flowers, but many of them are brand new this year. Thriftway donated about 500 bulbs to the church last fall, and then several parishioners took a bag or two and planted them. They are beautiful; if you think of it the next time you shop, stop by the Customer Service Desk and ask them to pass on your thanks.

There are three new, safe, bright and welcoming high chairs in Bennett Hall, gifts from three people in the congregation. Now our littlest folk can feel secure when we sit down to eat together.

Ever wonder how our walkways stay so clean, even when needles are falling from all the trees? Bob Weir comes during the week and blows them clear. Bob also graciously takes our recycle to the dump. He carefully returns all reusable recycle bags, which make their rounds until they are no longer functional. It is a small but important way that CHS is able to keep costs down and reuse what we are given.

Office Supplies? Tools?

It is spring, and you may get the cleaning bug. If you do, and any of your sorting-out includes office supplies, keep the church in mind. The items we use to keep everyone informed and connected are a large part of our budget. From the tiniest paper clip, through envelopes, and on to paper, all is appreciated.

Also, in an ongoing effort to have a supply of tools at the church, both for ongoing use and for emergencies, we are collecting in that venue. If you have tools that you think we may need, call Gib Dammann, 567-4268.

Saint Andrew's House, a Place for All of Us

The Diocese of Olympia has a retreat center on Hood Canal, called Saint Andrew's House. Some of you are aware of its presence, because of past Vestry retreats which were held there. But for most, even those who have used the facility, its place in our diocese and its ministry are virtually unknown.

"Closer to Heaven" is the motto of Saint Andrew's House. It welcomes groups for retreats and conferences, with the mission of providing Christian hospitality and service to its fullest ability. Jeff Gruber and his wife, Jeanne, live on the premises with their daughters, Ruby and Sophia. For them, it is home, and they open it to all who come.

There are seven acres of trails behind the buildings. There is wireless internet access, for those who need this convenience. The nearby beaches are full of sea life to enjoy, and many outdoor activities within minutes of St Andrew's House: golf, kayaking and hiking.

Home cooking is the norm: homemade entrees, breads, and desserts. It is believed that spirituality can be expressed through honoring what we eat. When a group books the facility, meals can be a part of their retreat experience. Groups are exclusive, unless sharing space is chosen by all.

A special touch is the hand made quilts covering the beds in the dorm areas. These have been made by loving hands around our diocese.

During the year, St Andrew's House offers Vacation Sessions with resident clergy hosts. The hosts offer Morning Prayer, and then are simply available for conversation and companionship. This summer, there are three hosted dates:

- July 5-9: Family and Youth Vacation with the Rev Christina Jillard
 - July 26-30: Family and Youth Vacation with Bishop Greg Rickel
 - August 30-September 3: Adult Vacation with the Rev Dr Pete Strimer
- (ask at the church office for more detailed information)

Bayne Cottage, built over Hood Canal, provides accommodations for up to eight people. Originally reserved for clergy only, Bayne Cottage is now open to all, clergy and laity, Episcopalians and Lutherans. It is rented by the night, and can be the hub of a mini-vacation for a family or group of friends. Many of us are looking closer to home for places to spend time away from our daily lives. It is good to know that our diocese in general, and the Grubers in particular, see this human need as a ministry.

For further information, visit the website at www.saintandrewshouse.org or call direct, (360) 898-2362.

Coming Soon to Camp Huston

Camp Huston is another Diocesan ministry that offers so many other things besides summer camp for kids (but summer camp is totally awesome! Check out the brochures in the narthex.) There are events all year long for all ages. Here are a few coming up:

WORK WEEKEND, May 1-3, 2009

Camp Huston needs your help! After heavy winds, snow storms, and the start of a new spring season, we are preparing the camp for the upcoming spring and summer months. We invite you to join us Friday May 1st through Sunday May 3rd to put your hands to work, enjoy hearty meals with friends, and be surrounded by smiles. Jobs available for all ages and abilities. This is a great way to get away for the weekend, contribute to the Huston community, and spend time with family and friends in fellowship! Cost is \$10/person, includes accommodation in one of our cabins or dormitories and food for the weekend. Visit www.huston.org for more information and a registration form.

HUSTON QUILTERS, April 29-May 3, 2009

Join us again for this year's May quilt retreat! Finish your projects for spring and get your breath of fresh air at camp. Homecooked meals, close friends, and a beautiful setting greet you Wednesday April 29th through Sunday May 3rd. Work weekend happens simultaneously so the whole family can have an activity at camp! Visit www.huston.org for more information and a registration form.

Five Wednesdays in April

There are five Wednesdays in the month of April. Church of the Holy Spirit is responsible for the fifth Wednesday Night Dinners, from vegetable prep through clean-up. If you are available and willing to help in any way, contact RoseEllen Albers, 567-5751.

APRIL 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Palm Sunday Bishop's Visitation 7:45 am HE 10:15 am HE Potluck Brunch with Bishop 6 pm EP 7 pm AA	6 Monday in Holy Week 7:30 pm Service of Reconciliation 7:30 pm AA	7 Tuesday in Holy Week 11-noon Silence & Sharing 7:30 pm Evening Prayer	8 Wednesday in Holy Week 12:30 pm HE 5:30 pm WND 7:30 pm Evening Prayer	9 Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm HE	10 Good Friday 7:30 pm service	11 Holy Saturday 9 am Bells 9:30 am Men's choir? 11 am Vigil rehearsal 8 pm the Great
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LEGEND: AA = Alcoholics Anonymous HE=Holy Eucharist MP = Morning Prayer CS=Church School EP= Evening Prayer RE=Religious Exploration WND= Wednesday Night Dinner VCCC = Vashon Community Care Center WND = Wednesday Night Dinner						



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